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### **New Presentation Added to the OHC Training Webinar Archives:**

- Original air date: January 06, 2015 - Webinar: OMNI Circular training for Grantees. During this session, the trainers talked about the main changes made by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with the implementation of the new unified Circular. They highlighted the most critical aspects that could affect HUD grantees and the way as they account for grant funding. They broke it out in topic areas to make it easy to understand and apply at the grantee level and for the HUD Points of Contact (POC)s to understand what they should be expecting going forward. Replay number: 800-475-6701, access code 349424. [View the Presentation.](#)

All of the HUD Office of Housing Counseling's (OHC) webinars are posted in archival form on the [Training Webinar Archive](#). There is no registration or fee required to view these archival versions.

AND

### **New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:**

1. **HUD Training for Housing Counselors:** Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) Training Calendar [on-line](#). Visit the [OHC Webinar Archive](#) to view archival copies of past training events. Visit [FHA's Webinar Archive](#) to view training on insured mortgage programs like HECM, 203K, non-profit programs, disaster recovery and much more.
- January 20, 2015 - Webinar: Affordable Care Act Information for Housing Counselors: Join us for a webinar at 12:00 PM Eastern time. As housing counselors, we know you play a key role in helping people make responsible decisions about housing and finances, and that knowledge about affordable health care coverage can help make more informed financial decisions. Join representatives from the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services for a presentation about the Health Insurance Marketplace, where we will discuss options for affordable coverage, deadlines and ways to enroll. We will also spend some time answering questions you may have. After

registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [Register today](#), [View System Requirements](#).

- January 21, 2015 - Webinar: HUD Client projections in HUD's Housing Counseling System (HCS). 12:00 PM Eastern time. Sponsored by HUD's OHC. Learn all about HUD client projections in HCS. This webinar is for agencies that have grant funding or expect to receive grant funding in FY2015. This training would not apply to sub-agencies or to HUD approved housing counseling agencies that do not receive a grant award from HUD. [Register today](#). [View System Requirements](#).
- February 03, 2015 - Webinar: Financial Assessment Training for HECM Counselors: Join us for a webinar at 3:00 PM Eastern time. The Office of Housing Counseling will be conducting trainings for current and prospective HECM counselors on Mortgagee Letters 2014-22 and 2014-21, Financial Assessment and Financial Assessment Guide. The training will be conducted by HUD staff from the Office of Single Family Development and Office of Housing Counseling. A second session will be offered. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [Register today](#), [View System Requirements](#).
- February 04, 2015 - Webinar: FHA Downpayment Assistance Program Training. Sponsored by FHA's Santa Ana Homeownership Center and the HUD Office of Housing Counseling. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Pacific time. Learn about: Loan-to-value, FHA's downpayment and documentation requirements when the borrower's downpayment is being provided by a government entity. HUD's OHC will also provide an update. [Register today](#).
- February 10, 2015 - Webinar: Financial Assessment Training for HECM Counselors: Join us for a webinar at 3:00 PM Eastern time. The Office of Housing Counseling will be conducting trainings for current and prospective HECM counselors on Mortgagee Letters 2014-22 and 2014-21, Financial Assessment and Financial Assessment Guide and HECM Program Changes. The training will be conducted by HUD staff from the Office of Single Family Development and Office of Housing Counseling. This is the second session for those who cannot attend the first session on February 03, 2015. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [Register today](#), [View System Requirements](#).

All FHA Mortgagee Letters can be found on line at [HUD's Website](#).

- HUD Exchange: HUD has launched an online curriculum, including video, dynamic presentations and self-paced training modules, designed to help

HUD partners understand Federal financial requirements. The HUD Exchange Training and Events website also has many other courses and training opportunities of interest to non-profit and local government agencies. Visit [HUD Exchange](#) to learn more and register for training opportunities.

- HUD Exchange Financial Management Curriculum: Completing the financial management curriculum will assist grantees and sub-recipients to comply with federal grant requirements, increase effectiveness, and maximize efficiency. The first course, Financial Management 101, provides an introduction to key topics and financial management basics. [View on-line](#).

**2. IRS Educational Training for Exempt Organizations:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers training for non-profit organizations. Visit their website to [view the IRS training calendar](#). The IRS provides training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status at: [www.StayExempt.irs.gov](#). The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics. Also [View the IRS webinar course catalog](#) for workshops you can take on-line. Training dates include:

- May 12, 2015 - St. Louis, MO
- May 14, 2015 - Springfield, MO

**3. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities:** More information can be found on their [training calendar](#). For On-line training: visit [NeighborWorks® Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- NeighborWorks Updated HECM Basics eLearning Course: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Basics Overview, an eLearning course, has been updated with the latest information on loan costs, loan calculation, payment plans, HECM counseling session requirements, and post-counseling follow-up. To register visit NW [online](#).
- The New NeighborWorks Store: NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC) is a leading resource on pre-purchase and post-purchase homeowner education. Prospective homeowners learn the entire home-buying process, from managing money and understanding credit to securing a mortgage loan and shopping for a home in Realizing the American Dream. The manual's teaching companion, realizing the American Dream Trainer's Manual, provides instructors with teaching tools, activities, worksheets and visual aids. Are you counseling homeowners? Keeping the American Dream will give them the skills they need to remain secure in their new home

purchase. To learn more about these publications or make a purchase, visit [NeighborWorksStore.org](http://NeighborWorksStore.org).

- NeighborWorks® Training Institutes: Learn, network and share best practices -- building your skills, maximizing your effectiveness and impact of your Agency.
  - February 23-27, 2015 - Los Angeles, CA, Register [on-line](#).
- NeighborWorks' Winter eClassroom Express Schedule: eClassroom Express courses are a convenient, cost-friendly way to refresh your knowledge about topic areas in homeownership and financial capability as well as topics covered in the Dodd-Frank legislation. For more information, visit us [online](#).
  - January 20, 2015 - Financial Management: Building Competency in Housing Counseling
  - January 22, 2015 - What Every HUD-approved Agency Needs to Know About the New 9902
  - January 27, 2015 - Fair Housing: Building Competency in Housing Counseling
  - January 29, 2015 - HECM and the Non-Borrower Spouse: What Counselors Need to Know
  - February 03, 2015 - Housing Affordability: Building Competency in Housing Counseling
  - February 10, 2015 - Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy: Building Competency in Housing Counseling
- NeighborWorks' Online Course on Complying with State and Federal Regulations:
  - January 21, 2014 - Compliance with State and Federal Regulations for Homeownership Programs, an instructor-led Virtual Classroom course, begins on January 21 and concludes on February 10. Learn how to avoid common lending pitfalls, especially those related to RESPA and the Truth in Lending and Fair Housing Acts. For more information or to register, visit us [online](#)
- 4. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors:** The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive on-line and in-person training opportunities on a variety of topics. For more information, registration, and course details, please visit the [NHNLA training Calendar](#). Please see the list of new courses below:
  - January 13, 2015 - Webinar: Predatory Lending
  - January 15, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using HCO
  - January 20, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using HCO

- January 22, 2015 - Webinar: HUD Compliance
- January 27, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Financial Management
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Property Maintenance
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy
- March 02, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Foreclosure I
- March 02, 2015 - Financial Counseling
- March 02, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course (Spanish)
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Fair Housing
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Housing Affordability
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Avoidance of Foreclosure and Eviction
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Foreclosure II
- May 13-15, 2015 - Hartford, CT: Housing Counseling Program Management, Financial Counseling, Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course, Rental Counseling
- May 21, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 26, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using Home Counselor
- May 27, 2015 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- May 28, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using Home Counselor Online

**5. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) National Training Academy comes to Washington DC:** The conference is an opportunity to engage with colleagues on issues such as mortgage servicing, exclusionary zoning, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, disparate impact, and other important community concerns. This includes gaining a clear understanding of emerging legal issues and cases, and how they may affect local communities.

- March 25, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference. Register [on-line](#).

- March 25-28, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference Housing Counseling Course. Test Taking Practices: Scholarships are available, Register [on-line](#)
- Now through January 30 2015 - Dodd Frank e-Learning Series:
  - [Module 1: Financial Management](#)
  - [Module 2: Property Maintenance](#)
  - [Module 3: Rights and Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy](#)
  - [Module 4: Fair Housing](#)
  - [Module 5: Housing Affordability](#)
  - [Module 6: Avoiding Delinquency/Default and Eviction](#)
  - [Module 1-6](#)
- NCRC National Training Academy Housing Counseling Training in San Francisco, CA, January 26-30, 2015: 2 for 1 Scholarships to San Francisco, CA now available! Bring a colleague and receive a full scholarship! NCRC is now offering FULL scholarships as well as \$500 travel or lodging scholarships. This offer is ONLY FOR A LIMITED TIME, the absolute last day to apply is Wednesday, January 13, 2015. [Click here to apply!](#) Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend housing counseling training courses January 26-30, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge. The following training courses will be offered:
  - PRE-PURCHASE COUNSELING (HC102) January 26 - 30, 2015. This five-day certification course will provide critical information and tools to help housing counselors develop educational programs for prospective homeowners. This course will train counselors to conduct results-oriented individual counseling session for prospective homebuyers to move them on the path to mortgage-readiness. [Register today.](#)
  - HUD HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (HC108) January 26 - 30, 2015. This five-day certification course is designed to provide nonprofit organizations wishing to launch a housing counseling program with a clearer understanding of HUD and its housing counseling compliance requirements. Participants will gain a solid ground in the delivery of housing counseling services, recordkeeping, and reporting, and learn about local, state, and federal resources that may be able to assist both their clients and with the referral process. [Register today.](#)
  - AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (FH203) January 28 - 29, 2015. In this two-day training, community development practitioners, housing professionals, and local government officials will learn about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements and regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of states, cities and towns across America. Every public and private agency that receives Community Development Block Grant funds or related support from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has an obligation to "affirmatively further fair housing." This course will focus on how those communities receiving funds can ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act, HUD's proposed new



AFFH rule and related regulations, and collaborate with stakeholders to achieve housing opportunities. This course was approved and funded with support from HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Fair Housing Initiatives Program. [Register today.](#)

- AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (HC121) January 30, 2015. This course is designed to provide housing counseling practitioners with a working knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its history, protections, and implications with regard to employment, public accommodations, telecommunications, and equal access. Practitioners will also learn what the ADA considers prohibited acts and discriminatory practices based on disability. [Register today.](#)
- March 25-28, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference Housing Counseling Course. Dodd Frank Test Taking Practices: Preparing for the HUD Certification Exam. Scholarships are available, Register [on-line](#)

This course is designed to provide housing counseling practitioners with test-taking tools and strategies to prepare for and pass the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) competency certification examinations. This course does not replace content mastery, which can be obtained through the NCRC Dodd-Frank e-learning Training Series, but is designed to teach practitioners methods that will increase the probability of passing the HUD examination. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act requires counselors at HUD-approved housing counseling organizations to be certified by HUD as competent to provide comprehensive counseling services. As a result, HUD will administer a standardized exam testing counselors' competencies in six major areas of housing counseling. The National Training Academy will provide a review and a certificate of completion for each of the required competency areas. The competency areas are:

- Financial Management
- Home Maintenance and Financial Management for New Homeowners
- Consumer Rights and Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy
- Fair Housing
- Housing Affordability
- Avoiding Delinquency/Default and Eviction.

## **6. FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Training:**

- Classroom Training. Early Delinquency Servicing Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Training. Classroom training is for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD-approved Housing Counselors, and Nonprofit Housing

Counselors. For-profit Housing Counselors are not permitted to attend this training. This training covers a broad range and includes full coverage on: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, Delinquencies, Defaults, Mortgage Collection Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program. Additionally, overviews will be presented pertaining to Extension of Time Requests and Variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. No fee. Space is limited to 45 participants; Registration is first come, first served. For more information, please email: [eclass@hud.gov](mailto:eclass@hud.gov), Register [on-line](#). Training dates include:

- February 24-25, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
  - May 12-13, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
  - August 11-12, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
- Webinar Training. Open to FHA-Approved Servicers and FHA-Approved Housing Counselors. A valid company email address and the FHA 5-digit Lender and/or Agency ID are required at the time of registration. No fee. For additional information, please email: [Stacey.a.brown@hud.gov](mailto:Stacey.a.brown@hud.gov)
    - January 14, 2015 - Webinar V.2: SFDMS - Reporting Examples. FHA's National Servicing Center will provide FHA-Approved Servicers an opportunity to review various default scenarios and the SFDMS reporting that should be associated with each scenario. Examples will include: Default, Loss Mitigation, Bankruptcy, and Foreclosure. Register [on-line](#).
    - January 21, 2015 - Webinar V.3: SFDMS - Errors. FHA's National Servicing Center will provide FHA-Approved Servicers the opportunity to review what causes fatal and non-fatal errors in SFDMS reporting, and what can be done to prevent or fix the problems. Servicers will also learn how SFDMS reporting affects their TRS II score. Register [on-line](#).
    - January 27, 2015 - HUD Extension of Time and Variance Request System (EVARS) Training. This webinar will enhance the Lender's understanding of HUD's minimum time requirements for submission of an extension of time request, as well as the Lender's understanding of when a variance from HUD's policy is required. Topics to be covered include: types of extensions and variances, events that affect the First Legal Deadline, system access, and how to submit both an Extension of Time Request and Variance. Register [on-line](#).
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**7. Making Home Affordable (MHA):** These webinars are designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Register [on-line](#):

- January 21, 2015 - MHA Base NPV v5.02
- January 22, 2015 - Indiana Hardest Hit Fund Overview
- January 26, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program Webinar: Part 1
- January 27, 2015 - Unemployment Program for Trusted Advisors
- January 29, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program Webinar: Part 2

**8. Counselor's Corner Training:**

- January 14, 2015 & January 29, 2015 – Webinar: Certified Military Home Specialist Webinars training. Sponsored by The Counselor's Corner and Boots Across America. This course is designed to acquaint housing professionals with military terminology that is often foreign to the housing community. The course provides the tools and introduces the skills needed by housing professionals to provide the expert service our military personnel need and deserve. This is a certification course, which is free. The cost for taking the exam online after the webinar is \$79.00. Two webinars offered in January. Both are the same - select the date most convenient for you. Register [online](#). Additional sessions of this webinar will be offered every month during the year. To be notified of the dates, sign up for free membership at the [Counselors Corner website](#).

**9. Marketing 101 by VHDA:** The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is providing [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. Additionally, they have posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.

**10. OCC Financial Literacy Update:** The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations. Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update [on-line](#).

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**HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:**

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[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)  
[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

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### Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
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- [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
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